

COLUMBIA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
BOARD MEETING WORK SESSION MINUTES

October 20, 2021

The Columbia County Board of Commissioners met in scheduled session with Commissioner Margaret Magruder, Commissioner Henry Heimuller, and Commissioner Casey Garrett, along with Robin McIntyre, Sr. Assistant County Counsel, Sarah Hanson, County Counsel, and Jacyn Normine, Board Office Administrator from the Columbia County Courthouse.

Commissioner Magruder called the meeting to order at 1:30 PM.

STAFF ITEMS

Transfer Station Tipping Floor; this item was pulled and added to the 10/27/2021 work session.

Next Renewables; Robin McIntyre, Sr. Assistant County Counsel, Robert Wheeldon, Interim Planning Manager and Jesse Winterowd, Planning Consultant with Winterbrook Planning, brought before the Board the application for Next Renewables and requested that the Board take jurisdiction. With staffing shortages and getting a late start we are running up against our 150 day deadline. This application would normally go through the Planning Commission first and then to the Board. Today's request is asking the Board to skip the Planning Commission and go straight to Board Hearings. Commissioner Garrett moved to take jurisdiction over the Next Renewables application. Commissioner Heimuller seconded for sake of discussion. Commissioner Heimuller has reservations about eliminating the Planning Commission that adds an additional layer of public access being removed. He requested that we, Columbia County, go above and beyond to make sure information is available to the public. After discussion, the motion carried unanimously. Next Renewable staff report will be available late November early December.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Board recessed their regular scheduled meeting to enter into executive sessions under ORS 192.660(2)(f)&(e) Upon coming out of executive sessions, no action taken.

BOARD DISCUSSION ITEM

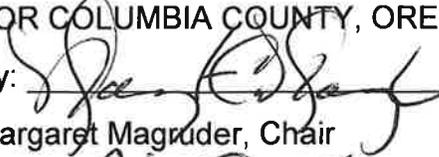
Gina Nikkel, AOC will be joining the Board of Commissioners Friday October 22, 2021 for lunch and tour of Columbia County.

ADJOURN

With nothing further to come before this Board the meeting adjourned. Dated this 20th day of October, 2021 in St. Helens, OR.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
FOR COLUMBIA COUNTY, OREGON

By: 
Jacyn Normine
Board Office Administrator

By: 
Margaret Magruder, Chair

By: 
Casey Garrett, Commissioner

By: 
Henry Heimuller, Commissioner